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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

**COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KURNOOL**

REV-CSECOVC(VER)/86/2017-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL.

Dated: 29-01-2024.

CASTE VERIFICATION - KURNOOL DISTRICT - KALLUR MANDAL - COMPLAINT FILED BY AP ST EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION WITH REGARD TO BOGUS ST CASTE CERTIFICATE OBTAINED BY Sri SIRUVATI MADDILETI S/o S. MARENNA, RESIDENT OF H.No.50-190, ARORA NAGAR, KURNOOL TOWN OF KALLUR MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT - MATTER PLACED BEFORE THE DLSC - DLSC RECOMMENDED FOR CANCELLATION OF CASTE CERTIFICATE.

- Read:
1. Objection petition filed by President, S.T. Employees Association, Kurnool and President, Girijana Ikya Vedika, Kurnool District, dated 23.09.2002 & 15.02.2014.
 2. This office Rc.C6/1247/M/2007 dt.22.02.2014 addressed to the RDO, Kurnool
 3. Report of the RDO, Kurnool Rc.D.330/2016, dt.16.04.2016.
 4. Oral Orders of the Joint Collector, Chairman DLSC, Kurnool, dt.01.04.2017.
 5. The Chairman & Managing Director, Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, H.C. Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001, India, DO No.: 60-2/2023-SCT, Dated: 20.07.2023 received on 30.08.2023.
 6. This office Lr.REV-CSECOVC(VER)/33/2023-SA(c6)-COLLKRNL, Dated: 31.08.2023.
 7. Findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee, Kurnool, Dated: 01.12.2023.
 8. This Office Notice in FORM-VI vide File No: REV-CSECOVC(VER)/86/2017-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dt: 12/01/2024.

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ORDER:-

The A.P. S.T. Employees Association, Kurnool and Girijana Ikya Vedika, Kurnool has submitted a representation to the Collector, Kurnool against Sri. Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna stating that the person captured the Government Job by producing a false caste certificate as Koya (ST) even though he does not belonging to Koya (ST) Caste and requested to cancel the Koya (ST) Caste Certificate.

The District Collector, Kurnool had directed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool to conduct enquiry regarding the Genuinity of the Caste Certificate of Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna.

Accordingly, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool had conducted enquiry regarding the Genuinity of the Caste Certificate of Sri. Siruvati Maddilety s/o Mareenna. The RDO, Kurnool had submitted report as follows:

The RDO Kurnool had submitted that the Tahsildar, Kurnool has reported that Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal is working as a Lineman' in Barath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Pattikonda Mandal of Kurnool District. During the enquiry, Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna stated that he belongs to Koya (ST) Caste and his forefathers are native of Mahaboob Nagar District and hailed to Kurnool for the sake of livelihood. Sri Siruvati Maddileti stated that he have the Knowledge of preparing herbal medicines with the herbals available at forest and he has one brother and two sisters and all of them are able to speak Koya Language. Sri Siruvati Maddileti told that nearly 20 families from various places of Mahaboob Nagar District hailed to Kurnool and having matrimonial relations with other communities. The Tahsildar, Kurnool had submitted the basing on Transfer Certificates relating to the family members of Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, he was issued Caste Certificates that he belongs to "Koya Raju" by the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Kurnool on 05.08.1985. The Tahsildar, Kurnool further submitted his brother Siruvati Giddanna S/o S.Mareenna got "Koya" Caste Certificate which was issued by the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Kurnool on 04.07.1988 who is working as a "Gang man" in Roads & Buildings Department, Kurnool since 20 years. The Tahsildar, Kurnool reported that in local revenue enquiry conducted in Budhawarapeta, Siruvati Maddilety S/o S.Mareenna actually belongs to "Budaga Jangam" Caste which is a non-scheduled Tribe. The Tahsildar, Kurnool submitted that that, for the existence of the Koya Caste they have obtained the information from the District Tribal Welfare Office, Kurnool, wherein it is found that, as per the data pertaining to District Wise Major Tribes in Andhra Pradesh, there are no Koya Caste people in both Kurnool and Mahaboob Nagar

Districts. The Tahsildar, Kurnool reported that as per the report, the Caste Koya exists in 1) East Godavari 2) West Godavari 3) Adilabad 4) Karimnagar 5) Warangal and 6) Khammam Districts only and also submit that, as per rule of A.P. SC, ST & BC issue of Community, nativity and Date of Birth Certificates Rule (G.O.Ms.No.58, Dt.12.05.1997) where it is stated that the "Burden of proof" pertaining to Caste claim vests with the applicant only. The Tahsildar, Kurnool reported that in this particular case, the applicant has not produced necessary evidences/ documents to prove his claim that, he belong to Koya Caste. Finally the Tahsildar, Kurnool has reported that, Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna does not belong to Koya Caste of Koya(S.T) and it is not there in the Kurnool District.

Finally the RDO, Kurnool had submitted that, as per report of the Tahsildar, Kurnool, Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna not belongs to Koya (ST) Caste.

It is submitted that, as per the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool, the individual was enquired into the matter before the DLSC. A notice was issued to Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna to attend the personal hearing on 21.04.2017, 02.06.2017, 13.06.2017.

Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna has attended hearing before the then Joint Collector & Chairman DLSC, Kurnool on 13.06.2017 and informed that he belongs to Koya Community and following the customs and habits of their community.

Further, it is submitted that, the then Joint Collector, Kurnool instructed to record the statement of Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna of Kurnool.

Accordingly his statement has been recorded. According to his self-written statement, he is working as mazdur in BSNL for the last 26 years and stated that he belongs to Koya community and he observes the habits and customs of his community. He stated that according to their community tradition they will not take the dowries during the marriages and they eat 36 types of animals which live in forest and they will sell "Ayurveda Medicines for their livelihood.

He had translated some of the terms which they use in their language into Telugu as below:

Term in his language	Meaning in English
"Nallang"	Black
"Tellang"	White
"Kadchel"	Sickle
Juntel varasu	Bear is coming
Kouru	Son
Mayadu	Daughter
Nanan	Father

He further stated that their elders were in practice of selling medicines obtained in the forest and working as astrologers and also live on begging and requested to do justice as they are poor and living on different professions of life for survival.

The then Joint Collector, Kurnool has instructed to put up the Statement in the DLSC and posted the case to 31.10.2018. Accordingly, Notice in Form-VI was issued to Sri. Siruvati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna to attend personal hearing on 31.10.2018. Due to administrative reasons the DLSC could not be conducted.

It is submitted that, in the reference 5th cited, the Chairman & Managing Director, Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, H.C. Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi received while enclosing the Annexure regarding the pending cases in Scrutiny Committee has requested to provide the verification status report to release retirement benefits of retired SC/ST employees and noted that Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna of Kurnool name is noted as one of the pending cases out of 3 cases received on 30.08.2023.

Hence the case was placed before the DLSC, Kurnool informing about the letter of the Chairman & Managing Director, Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bharat Sanchar Bhawan, H.C. Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi. Hence, a Notice in Form-VI was issued to Sri Siruvati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna, R/o H.No.50-159, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town, Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District and Committee members to attend the enquiry on 23.09.2023 at 11:00 AM in the Joint Collector's Chamber, Kurnool vide reference REV-CSEC0VC(VER)/86/2017-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL, Dated: 07.09.2023.

Accordingly, hearing was conducted on 23.09.2023 regarding the verification of Caste Certificate of Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna before the District Level Scrutiny Committee, Kurnool at Joint Collector Chamber, Kurnool at 11:00 AM. On 23/09/2023 Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna present but Petitioner was absent. The respondent stated that he had retired in 2019 as Telecom Technician (BSNL) and receiving Pension. It is noted that the complaint is received in 2016 and the respondent is migrated from Mahaboobnagar District. It is noted that as per Girijan Samskriti (Act No.16 of 1993) Koya is in only 4 Districts – East Godavari, West Godavari, Khammam & Warangal.

Hence, the District ST Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Kurnool and the Tahsildar, Kurnool Urban Mandal were directed to conduct detailed enquiry on the caste of the respondent who is claiming his caste as Koya Caste (ST) and report on the customs, rituals, deities, mode of marriage, death ceremonies/method of burial of dead bodies etc.

The District ST Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Kurnool has enquired about the genuineness of caste of Siruvati Maddileti and on 10.10.2023 he had recorded the Statement of the respondent. The enquiry reveals following facts:

1. Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna claims migration from Mahaboob Nagar district of Telangana State, but as per enquiry, he and his father born in the Kurnool city only and he has not produced any evidence of migration of his forefathers. The same has been repeated in previous report of the District ST Welfare & Empowerment Office, Kurnool that the Koya caste is not prevailing in either Mahaboob nagar or Kurnool District.
2. During enquiry Sri Siruvati Maddilety has not produced evidence like caste of the blood relation or any person in support of his claim koya caste.
3. During enquiry, Sri Bailapati Soma Shankaraiah cousin brother of Smt. Siva Lakshmi w/o Siruvati Maddileti produced his caste certificate as Budaga Jangam who says that they are still fighting for the validity of Budaga Jangam caste as it became invalid as per orders of G.O.Ms.No.144 Social Welfare (CV.I), Department.
4. During enquiry Sri Siruvati Maddileti and his wife Smt. Siva Lakshmi stated in written that they are following Christianity. But in general the Koya doras worship Lord Durga Ammavaru which controversial point regarding caste of Sri Siruvati Maddileti.
5. It is also known that, the only daughter of Siruvati Maddileti married to Sri Rajesh who belongs to Budaga Jangam Caste which is also suspected caste and they also follow Christianity.

In view of the above enquiry there are so many controversial points noticed without any substantial evidence in support of claim as Koya Caste of Sri Siruvati Maddileti.

The Tahsildar, Kurnool Urban Mandal has submitted that the Mandal Revenue Inspector, Kurnool Urban has enquired into the matter and reported as follows:

- a. Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna is resides at H:No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kallur and in the past he is resident of H:No.46-162, Budhawarapeta, Kurnool.
- b. Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna is born in Kurnool and his forefathers are native of Kurnool. He studied SSC at Municipal High School, Kurnool and Intermediate at Bala Siva Junior College, Kurnool. In his Intermediate Transfer Certificate caste mentioned as "Koya Raju" - ST, based on this he obtained Caste Certificate as "Koya Raju (ST)" from the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kurnool Mandal in the Year 1985 and got appointed as Linemen in BSNL in the year 1991 and took Voluntary Retirement from services in the year 2019.

- c. Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna has submitted statement that, he has one Son namely Sirivati Akshay Kumar and one Daughter namely Sirivati Uma Rani. In his children education records caste recorded as Budaga Jangam and he performed his daughter Uma Rani marriage with Rajesh of caste Budaga Jangam and resident of Telangana State.
- d. Sri Siruvati Maddilety, relatives confirmed that "Maddielty" belongs to 'Budaga Jangam Caste'.
- e. Surname "Sirivati" is vests with Budaga Jangam community only.

The Tahsildar, Kurnool reported that Sri Sirivati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kallur belongs to Budaga Jangam Caste.

The above reports were placed before DLSC and Notice in Form-VI was issued to Sri Siruvati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna, R/o H.No.50-159, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town, Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District and Committee members to attend the enquiry on 01.12.2023 at 10:00 AM in the Joint Collector's Chamber, Kurnool. Sri Sirivati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna was only present.

Further it is submitted that the District Level Scrutiny Committee has submitted its findings as noted below,

After having perused the records and evidences placed before the committee the D.L.S.C., had concluded that Sri Sirivati Maddilety, S/o Mareenna does not belongs to "KoyaRaju" S.T. on the following reasons.

1. The District ST Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Kurnool has enquired and submitted that Sri Siruvati maddilety S/o Mareenna claims migration from Mahaboob Nagar district of Telangana State, but as per enquiry, he and his father born in the Kurnool city only and he has not produced any evidence of migration of his forefathers
2. During enquiry, Sri Siruvati Maddilety has not produced evidence like caste of the blood relation or any person in support of his claim Koya caste
3. The District ST Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Kurnool has enquired and submitted that during enquiry, Sri Bailapati Soma Shankaraiah cousin brother of Smt. Siva Lakshmi w/o Siruvati Maddilety produced his caste certificate as Budaga Jangam who says that they are still fighting for the validity of Budaga Jangam caste.
4. During enquiry by District ST Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Kurnool, Sri Siruvati Maddilety and his wife Smt. Siva Lakshmi stated in written that they are following Christianity.
5. The Tahsildar, Kurnool Urban Mandal reported that Sri Siruvati Maddilety S/o Mareenna has submitted statement that, he has one Son namely Sirivati Akshay Kumar and one Daughter namely Sirivati Uma Rani. In his children education records caste recorded as Budaga Jangam and he performed his daughter Uma Rani marriage with Rajesh of caste Budaga Jangam and resident of Telangana State.

6. The Tahsildar, Kurnool Urban Mandal reported Sri Siruvati Maddilety, relatives confirmed that "Maddielty" belongs to 'Budaga Jangam Caste'.

Finally it is recommended to cancel the "KoyaRaju" (ST) Caste Certificates issued in favor of Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District.

As per Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993,

" (1) Where, before or after the commencement of this Act a person not belonging to any of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes has obtained a false Community Certificate to the effect that either himself or his children belongs to such Castes, Tribes or Classes, the District Collector may either suomotu or on a written complaint by any person, call for the record and enquire into the correctness of such certificate and if he is of the opinion that the certificate was obtained fraudulently, he shall, by notification, cancel the certificate after giving the person concerned an opportunity of making representation:

Provided that where an enquiry into the genuineness of a community certificate issued prior to the commencement of this Act has commenced and is pending at such commencement, the record thereof shall be transferred by the concerned authority to the District Collector and he shall continue the enquiry and conclude the same under this sub-section.

Finally, a Notice was issued to Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District with a direction to submit his objections on the findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee under Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993. But, he doesn't give any objections on the findings of the DLSC.

Therefore, the caste certificates issued to Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District that he belongs to "KOYARAJU" S.T caste is hereby cancelled as it is concluded during the enquiry by the District Level Scrutiny Committee.

In view of the above, I Dr.G.Srijana, I.A.S., Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 cancelled the Caste certificates issued to Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District that he does not comes under "KOYARAJU" S.T Community.

The appeal lies before the Government of Andhra Pradesh within 30 days from the publication of order in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette as per Section 7(2) of Act 16 of 1993.

SRIJANA GUMMALA,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Kurnool.

To

Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District //BY RPAD//

O/o Collector's Office, Kurnool

REV-CSEC0VC(VER)/86/2017-SA(C6)-COLLKRNL

Dated: 29/01/2024

NOTIFICATION

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993, the caste certificates issued to Sri Siruvati Maddileti S/o S.Mareenna, resident of H.No.50-190, Arora Nagar, Kurnool Town of Kallur Mandal, Kurnool District is cancelled that he does not comes under "KOYARAJU" S.T Community.

SRIJANA GUMMALA,
Collector & District Magistrate,
Kurnool.

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